INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE HOSTED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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October 1, 2015

The Human Rights Commission hosted an Inclusive Community Dialogue on October 1, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Inclusive Community Dialogue was held in the Lowry Room of Norman Public Library located at 225 N. Webster. The topic of the ICD was Domestic Violence. Notice of the ICD was timely posted at City Hall and was open to the public. Although the ICD was not a regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Commission, a quorum of the Commission was present; therefore, a summary of the dialogue is recorded as required by the Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT: Commissioners Kay Ham, Harry Wright, Mary

Drywater, Jose Dela Cruz, and Daniel Dukes

ABSENT: Commissioners Marjaneh Seraifi-Pour and Amyie

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Commissioner Kay Ham welcomed everyone to the Inclusive Community Dialogue and introduced Daniel Dukes as the moderator and Melanie Hall as the recorder. Commissioner Ham explained that Inclusive Community Dialogues are a way to have an open discussion with members of the public regarding the topic of Domestic Violence. The ICD was attended by the Human Rights Commission members, citizens, and representatives from both City of Norman and Cleveland County law enforcement agencies.

The participants engaged in a discussion of the issue of Domestic Violence and how the City and community could improve resources and provide additional assistance to survivors of Domestic Violence and others impacted by this issue. The Human Rights Commission will prepare a report to present to City Council regarding the information obtained during the discussion.